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[Despatch Abstract.]

REGISTRATION - Nurses and Midwives with foreign qualifications

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MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES COUNCIL.

79-81, Mount Road, Cathedral
P.O.,
Madras, D/November 1947.

From
Dr. S.L. Bhatia, CIE., MC., VHS, MA., MD(Cantab), FRCP(Lond),
FRS(E), President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department,
Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

I have the honour to state that Missionary Medical institutions in this Province which train a large number of nurses and midwives are almost wholly staffed by nurses and midwives who have obtained their qualifications in foreign countries (viz.Denmark, Sweden etc. in Europe, and the United States of America, chiefly in the latter country). They require to be registered under this Council in order to be able to hold teaching appointments in institutions recognised by this Council as training centres. Their registration was done under rule 37 of the rules framed under the Madras Nurses and Midwives Act, 1926, by preliminarily recognising the institutions in which they were trained as competent to train nurses and midwives and to grant diplomas or certificates to those who pass out of them. The criteria for recognition were the facilities and the staff available for imparting adequate training as evidenced by the statistics of the institutions and for registration, the fact that the nurses were themselves State registered in their own country. There are now two such applications pending with this Council. They have been examined by a Sub-committee of this Council and are recommended for recognition.

The question now is whether it will be licit for this Council to accord recognition in the face of sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Central Nursing Council Ordinance (No.XIII of 1947). The parties contend that, as the Central Nursing Council is not yet functioning, the Madras Council can do so until the Central Council is constituted and begins to function. The decision of the Government in the matter at issue is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
(Sd.) S.L.Bhatia,
President.

MADRAS NURSES AND MIDWIVES COUNCIL.

79-81, Mount Road, Madras,
21st January 1948.

From
Colonel S.L.Bhatia, C.I.E. , M.C., M.D.(Cantab), F.R.C.P. (Lond., F.R.S.(E),
President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council.

To
The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Sir,

The Madras Nurses and Midwives Council at its meeting held on the 9th December, 1947, considered the applications for recognition as training centres for nurses in General Nursing in English from

i) Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing, City of New York, U.S.A.
and
ii) Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. and

resolved as follows:-

"Recognition sanctioned provisionally subject to the approval of the Government that the Council is competent to do so under the Ordinance constituting a Central Nursing Council(Ordinance No.XIII of 1947) of the Government of India promulgated on the 13th August, 1947."

In this office letter, dated November 1947, the Government were requested to give their decision on whether it will be licit for this Council to accord recognition of foreign institutions as training centres for nurses or midwives. If the Government think that this Council can do so, it is requested that orders may kindly be issued sanctioning the recognition of the above institutions as training centres for nurses in General Nursing in English.

(Sd.) S.L.Bhatia,
President,
Madras Nurses and Midwives Council.

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REF:-

From the President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council, dated November 1947 and 21st January 1948.

MEMO.87666-2,H2/47.P.H., dated 16-3-48.

The President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council is requested to reconsider the matter with reference to the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947, published in the Government of India Gazette (Part IV) dated 31-12-1947.

T.G.M.
15-3-48.

To
The President,
Madras Nurses and Midwives Council,
79-81, Mount Road, Madras.

Office of the Madras Nurses & Midwives Council,
No.79-81, Mount Road, Cathedral Post,
Madras-6, dated 21st April 1948.

From
The President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council.
To
The Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Deptt.,
Fort St. George, Madras.
Sir,

Ref: Government Memorandum No.87666-2-H2/P.H., dated 16th March, 1948.

Sub: Registration - Madras Nurses and Midwives Council - Missionary Medical Institutions - Nurses and Midwives who have obtained their qualifications in foreign countries - According of recognition by the Council.

I have the honour to state that the matter under reference was reconsidered at the meeting of the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council held on the 8th April, 1948, when it was resolved as follows:

"Resolved that the applications* be transferred to the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi, for disposal and the applicants informed accordingly.".

The Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, is being addressed accordingly.

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Registrar, f
for President,
Madras Nurses and Midwives Council.

*Applications for recognition as training centres for nurses in General Nursing in English from

i) Bellevue Hospital School of Nursing, New York, U.S.A.
and
ii) Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

C.No.87666/47. END. & P.H.Dept.(H2).

Subj:- Registration - Madras Nurses and Midwives Council - Missionary Medical institutions - Nurses and Midwives who have obtained their qualifications in foreign countries - According of recognition by the Council.

From the President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council dated November 1947.

The President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council, brings to the notice of the Govt. that Missionary Medical institutions in this province which train a large number of nurses and midwives who have obtained their qualifications in foreign countries (viz. Denmark, Sweden, etc., in Europe and the United States of America, chiefly in the latter country) have to be registered under the M.N. & M. Council in order that those nurses and midwives may hold teaching appointments in institutions recognised by the Council as training centres. Their registration was done under Rule 37 of the rules framed under the M.N. & M. Act, 1926, by recognising the institutions in which they were trained as competent to train nurses and midwives and to grant diplomas or certificates to those who pass out of them. The criterion for recognition were the facilities and the staff available for imparting adequate training as evidenced by the statistics of the institutions and for registration, the fact that the nurses were themselves State registered in their own country was taken into account. There are now two such applications pending with the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council and they have been examined by a Sub-Committee of the Council and are recommended for recognition.

2. The question now under consideration is whether it will be licit for the M.N. & M. Council to accord recognition in the face of Sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Central Nursing Council Ordinance (No.XIII of 1947 dated 13.8.47). The parties of the Council contend that, as the Central Nursing Council is not yet functioning, the Madras Council can do so until the Central Council is constituted and begins to function. The President of the Council requests the decision of the Government in the matter.

3. At the instance of the Govt. of India, three persons have been elected unanimously as members in accordance with the provisions of Section 3(1) (a) and (e) of the Central Nursing Council Ordinance (No.XIII of 1947) dated 13-8-47 to represent the M.N. & M. Council

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on the Central Nursing Council. It will be observed that the Government of India are anxious that the Central Nursing Council ---should be established without delay and that they are taking preliminary action for the purpose. Attention is in this connection invited to the Press communique on page 3 c.f. (in the linked file.) In these circumstances, it does not seem necessary that M.N. & M. Council sh should accord recognition in the face of Sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the Central Nursing Council Ordinance merely on the ground that the Central Nursing Council has not yet begun functioning.

The Nursing Bill is about to be passed . We may wait for some time.

T.G.M.
21-11-47.

From the President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council, dated 21.1.1948.

(Issued as T:M. dated 6-2-1948).

From the S.G. T.M(By Post) dated 11-2-48.

(Issued as letter Reg. 87666-1.H2.P.H., dated 19-2-48.)

In his letter dated 21.1.1948, the President of the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council has reported that at the meeting held on 9-12-47 the Council has considered the applications for recognition as training centres for Nurses in General Nursing in English from

(1) Bellearie Hospital School of Nursing, City of New York, U.S.A. and

(ii) Ravenswood Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., and resolved as follows:-

"Recognition sanctioned provisionally subject to the approval ~~of~~ of the Govt. that the Council is competent to do so under the Ordinance Constituting a Central Nursing Council(Ordinance No.XIII of 1947) of the Govt. of India promulgated on the 13th August 1947".

It does not seem necessary to accept the above proposal in view of 'M' on p.2. ante. For orders.

A copy of the 'Indian Nursing Council Act' is at pp.1407-1414 of the stock file kept below. Reference is invited to sub-section (3) of section 10 of the Act on page 1410 of the stock file. Orders are requested for 'M' on page 2 ante.

The Ordinance has been repealed (vide section 17 of the All India Act). The Pt. N. & M. Council may reconsider the matter with ref. to the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947.

T.G.M. 11-3-47.

Draft Memo. to the President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council is put up for approval.

T.G.M.15-2-48.

(Issued as Memo.No.87666-2.H2/47.P.H. d/16-3-48)

From the President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council, dated 21.4.48.

Please see the letter cited above. The President, Madras Nurses and Midwives Council states that the question of according recognition to the Missionary Medical institutions referred to in his previous letters has been reconsidered at the meeting of the Madras Nurses and Midwives Council held on 8-4-48, when it was resolved as follows:-

"Resolved that the applications be transferred to the Indian Nursing Council, New Delhi for disposal and the applicants informed accordingly."

The Director General of Health Services, New Delhi is being addressed by the President, accordingly. No further action is therefore called for. The papers may however be

ORDER(MS.)1543, Public Health dated 11-5-1948.

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T.G.M.

10-5-1948.

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